

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The citizens of the state of South Dakota have been fortunate to be the recipients of the endeavors of a special class of individuals devoted to making our state number one; and,

*Whereas*, Vern Dockter joined Buildings and Grounds on December 15, 1967, in Pierre, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Vern has, in the course of his career, worked as a Building Maintenance Specialist, Control/Engineer Assistant, Building Maintenance Worker III, Apprentice Electrician, Painter, and Janitor, and executed each position in as dutiful a manner as is humanly possible; and,

*Whereas*, Vern has responded to the panic-stricken calls from the legislative chambers with a calm and professional demeanor, quickly solving their audio and voting machine problems; and,

*Whereas*, Vern is the only person in state government that can get the entire legislature to listen at one time (when tuning the legislative audio system); and,

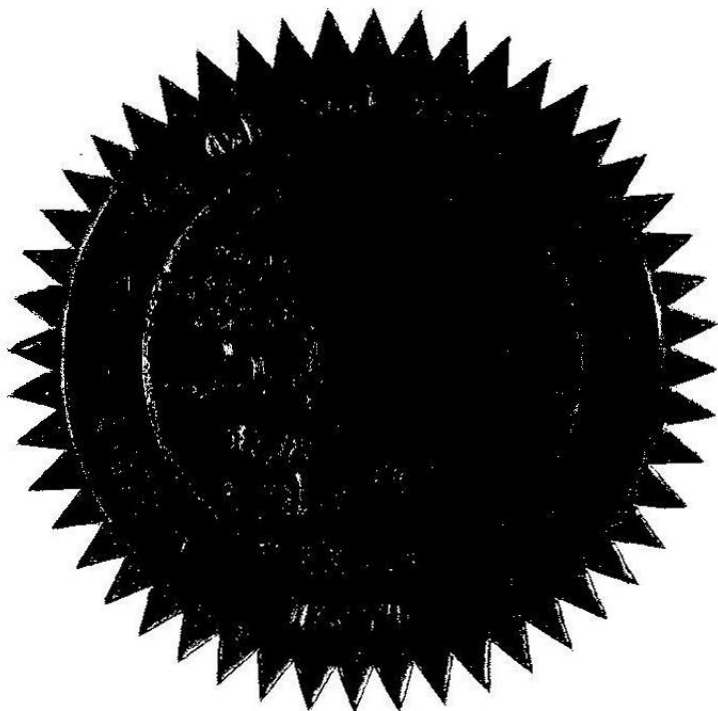
*Whereas*, Vern has dedicated the past 37 years and 6 months to taking care of numerous problems, at all hours of the day and night, 365 days of the year, and has now expressed his desire to spend more time with his family, friends, and new hobbies, such as golf, fishing, hunting and building a house, without the burden of having to go to work every day; and,

*Whereas*, Vern has served the people of this great state well, always exhibiting the qualities of dedication, honor, and integrity, and now chooses to retire:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his co-workers, family, and many friends in wishing him a healthy, fulfilling, and enjoyable retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State